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SUBJ: THAI UNWILLINGNESS TO LET THE U.S. FLEX ITS THAI BASED
MILITARY FORCES IN INDOCHINA

1. PRIME MINISTER KHUKRIT PRAMOT, OBVIOUSLY CONCERNED BY PRESS
STATEMENTS FROM THE U.S. THREATENING THE USE OF FORCE TO FREE THE
MAYAGUEZ, SUMMONED ME MAY 13 TO SEEK INFORMATION ON THE
STATUS OF THE SHIP. I SUMMARIZED THE INFORMATION AVAILABLE
TO US, LARGELY FROM WIRE SERVICE REPORTS.

2. KHUKRIT STRESSED THAT FROM THE THAI GOVERNMENT STANDPOINT
ANY RETALIATION SHOULD BE PURELY BETWEEN THE UNITED STATES
AND CAMBODIA AND SHOULD NOT IN ANY WAY INVOLVE THAILAND. I
ASKED IF HE WAS REFERRING TO USE OF U.S. MILITARY ASSETS IN
THAILAND. HE SAID HE DEFINITELY WAS. I TOLD HIM THAT IN LINE WITH
ESTABLISHED PROCEDURES WE WOULD INFORM THE RTG BEFORE ANY ACTION
INVOLVING THAI-BASED PLANES WAS UNDERTAKEN.

3. KHUKRIT HAS ANNOUNCED PUBLICLY THE REASON FOR CALLING ME IN.
IT IS MOST IMPORTANT THAT WE PLAY THIS BY THE RULES. OTHERWISE,
IN THE CURRENZ SUPERCHARGED POLITICAL ATMOSPHERE, WE STAND TO
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LOSE A GREAT DEAL IN TERMS OF RTG COOPERATION AND USE--OR EVEN

CONTINUATION--OF BASES HERE.

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